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ANNUAL REPORT
Of The
TOWN OFFICERS
Of
SORRENTO, MAINE

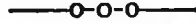
For the Municipal Year
Ending February 11, 1915

Also
The Warrant

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TOWN OFFICERS



SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR

Fred L. Goodwin, Edwin Clark, Charles E. Hale

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

John L. Nash

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

E. W. Perry, L. E. Wilber, E. L. Jellison

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Adelbert W. Gordon

ROAD COMMISSIONER

William E. Jackson

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Charles H. Workman

CONSTABLES

I. W. Nash, Charles H. Workman

BOARD OF HEALTH

C. E. Hale, Frank L. Trundy, J. C. Workman

FIRE WARDEN

Frank L. Trundy

AUDITOR

Frank L. Trundy

WHARF COMMISSIONERS

C. E. Hale, L. E. Wilber, N. P. Foster

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Report of Assessors

VALUATION

Resident real estate,	\$ 24 209 00
Resident personal estate,	3 510 00
Non-Resident real estate,	150 414 00
Non-Resident personal estate,	3 073 00
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Total valuation of town,	\$ 181 206 00

AMOUNTS AND PURPOSES OF ASSESSMENTS

Common schools,	\$ 100 00
Text books,	35 00
Repair of town property,	25 00
Repair of State road,	25 00
Repair of Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks,	800 00
Village Improvement Society,	100 00
Memorial Day,	20 00
School Superintendence,	75 00
Current and contingent,	500 00
Board of Health,	100 00
State Road,	300 00
Brown Tail Moths,	25 00
Repair of School property,	50 00
Fire Department,	225 00
School Tuition,	100 00
Insurance Account,	25 00
Bell on Town Hall,	50 00
Furnace for Town Hall,	650 00
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Amount raised by town,	\$ 3 205 00
Overlay,	88 97
State Tax,	851 08
County Tax,	22 99
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Total Commitment,	\$ 4 368 04
49 polls at \$2, \$98.	Tax rate \$23.50 per thousand.

FRED L. GOODWIN,
EDWIN CLARK,
C. E. HALE,

Assessors of Sorrento.

Report of Treasurer

Mar. 3 To Cash in treasury,	\$ 602 86	
Rec'd from State, refund on tax, 1913	9 34	
Z. Chefee, clam flats license,	5 00	
State common schools ,	253 31	
State, Mill tax,	151 95	
Town Clerk, dog taxes, 1914,	17 00	
Interest on Bank account		
to Feb. 1,	18 43	
Janitor, for rent of town		
hall,	6 00	
M. C. R. R. Co., wharf rent,	150 00	
State High School, Tuition	80 00	
Foresters' Lodge, hall rent		
to April 1, 1915,	10 00	
State, State Aid Road acct.	555 60	
Edwin Clark, for gravel	1 50	
Clerk ,clam licenses,	6 25	
Tax Collector,	4 377 56	
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	\$ 6 254 80	
Paid Town orders, from 1 to 234,		\$ 4 778 90
Balance in treasury, Feb. 11, 1915,		1 475 90
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	\$ 6 254 80	\$ 6 254 80

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Report of Tax Collector

• C. H. WORKMAN, Collector

Total commitment,	\$ 4 368 04
Interest on taxes received,	15 50
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Amount paid treasurer abatements,	\$ 4 383 54
Abatements	5 98
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Amount paid treasurer,	\$ 4 377 56

MARIA L. CRABTREE FUND

There is standing to the credit of the Maria L. Crabtree fund, town of Sorrento trustee, in the savings department of the Union Trust Company, Ellsworth, Maine, \$160.52 including interest to February 10, 1915.

REPAIR OF STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Mar. 3, Amount raised in Town meeting,	\$	25 00		
July 1, Mrs. Jane Hall,			\$	3 20
July 1, J. A. Stover,				13 50
July 1, William E. Jackson,				31 87
July 1, C. P. Jackson,				32 61
July 1, T. N. Nickerson,				14 62
Dec. 1, William E. Jackson,				4 75
July 1, Luther Pinkham,				6 75
Feb. 1, Jos. W. Simpson, State Treasurer,				25 00
Overdraft,	\$	107 30		
			\$	132 30
			\$	132 30

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Feb. 10. Roy Lawrie, Poll Tax, been paid in Franklin,	\$2 00
10. Roy Stover, Poll Tax, been paid in Sullivan,	2 00
10. Mary A. Peet, could not be found,	1 98
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	\$5 98

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Current and Contingent Account

Mar. 3. To Balance Unexpended,	\$ 2 56
To amount raised in town meeting,	500 00
To amount raised for Memorial Day,	20 00
To amount raised for bell for Hall,	50 00
Mar. 6. Rec'd from John L. Nash, Town Hall,	1 00

Mar. 6.	Rec'd Interest on Bank for February,	1 75
Mar. 6.	Rec'd interest on Bank Ac- count for March,	86
Jan. 4.	Rec'd from Foresters' Lodge, Hall Rent,	10 00
Feb. 8.	Rec'd from Foresters' Lodge, Hall Rent,	10 00
Feb. 8.	Rec'd interest on Bank ac- for April,	84
Feb. 8.	Rec'd interest on Bank ac- for June,	1 01
Feb. 8.	Rec'd interest on Bank ac- for July,	93
Feb. 8.	Rec'd interest on Bank ac- for August,	2 90
Feb. 8.	Rec'd interest on Bank ac- for September,	2 69
Feb. 8.	Rec'd interest on Bank ac- for October,	1 82
Feb. 8.	Rec'd interest on Bank ac- for November,	1 27
Feb. 8.	Rec'd interest on Bank ac- for December,	1 46
Feb. 8.	Rec'd interest on Bank ac- for January,	2 90
Feb. 8.	Rec'd Town Clerk, dog taxes	17 00
Feb. 8.	Rec'd State refund on dog tax	9 34
Feb. 8.	Rec'd Z. Chafee, clam flats	5 00
Feb. 8.	Rec'd John L. Nash, Hall rent,	5 00
Feb. 10.	Rec'd interest on Taxes, 1914	15 50
	Overlay on assessment,	88 97
	Rec'd for Clam Licenses,	6 25

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Mar. 30.	Paid Hancock Publishing Co., town reports,	\$ 24 30
30.	George D. Loring, town books	8 85

Apr. 6.	P. L. Aiken, for moderators' services,	3 00
6.	Postmaster, for stamps,	1 00
May 1.	C. E. Hale, Selectmen's services,	18 75
1.	F. L. Goodwin, Selectmen's services,	19 55
June 1.	Frank L. Trundy,	40
1.	Edwin Clark,	21 25
1.	M. C. R. R. Co., freight on bell,	2 91
1.	J. B. Foote Foundry Co., for bell,	30 00
July 1.	D. L. Were Post, Memorial Day,	20 00
15.	John L. Nash, Janitor election day,	2 50
15.	T. N. Nickerson, ballot clerk,	2 50
15.	N. P. Foster, ballot clerk,	2 50
29.	John L. Nash, commission on \$1,007	10 07
July 1.	C. H. Workman, commission on \$1,100	27 50
1.	W. B. Blaisdell, writing warrant,	2 00
4.	I. W. Nash, posting warrants,	2 50
Aug. 1.	C. H. Workman, commission on \$1,700	42 50
15.	L. E. Wilber,	4 78
Sept. 1.	Edwin Clark, Selectmen's services,	8 75
1.	Edwin Clark, Bell account,	17 20
1.	F. L. Goodwin, Election warrants,	2 00
21.	I. W. Nash, posting warrants,	2 50
24.	J. L. Nash, commission on \$1,287.68	12 88
24.	J. L. Nash, six months' salary as town clerk,	7 50
24.	J. L. Nash,	2 50
Oct. 1.	Edwin Clark, Selectmen's services,	7 50
15.	T. N. Nickerson, ballot clerk,	2 50
15.	C. H. Workman, ballot clerk,	2 50
17.	E. F. Andrews, freight,	1 50
Dec. 10.	F. L. Goodwin, Selectmen's services,	42 75
14.	John L. Nash, commission of \$1,092	10 92
Jan. 20.	L. U. Bragdon, watering trough,	3 00
30.	I. W. Nash, serving clam notices,	50
Oct. 17.	State Treasurer for dog licenses,	17 00
Feb. 8.	John L. Nash, balance as clerk, and postage	10 50
8.	F. L. Goodwin, keeping ledger,	10 00
9.	F. L. Goodwin, postage,	2 00
10.	C. H. Workman, balance of commission,	39 59
11.	Edwin Clark, balance for Selectmen's services,	22 50

11.	C. E. Hale, balance for Selectmen's services,	32 50
11.	F. L. Goodwin, balance for Selectmen's services,	12 50
11.	F. L. Trundy, as Auditor,	5 00
11.	John L. Nash, balance as commission,	13 34
	To Balance unexpended,	\$ 216 78
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		\$ 759 05 \$ 759 05

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Report of Road Commissioner

Mar. 3.	To balance unexpended,	\$ 40 52
	To amount raised in town meeting,	800 00
Mar. 3.	Paid N. P. Foster, storing road machine,	\$ 10 00
13.	W. E. Jackson, snow bill	32 00
May 1.	W. E. Jackson, 8½ days with team,	39 43
1.	C. P. Jackson,	16 31
1.	Fred Bartlett,	1 12
1.	Warren Smith,	13 50
1.	T. N. Nickerson,	12 37
1.	James A. Stover	2 25
15.	James A. Stover,	29 25
15.	C. P. Jackson,	21 37
15.	Warren Smith,	18 00
15.	T. N. Nickerson,	20 25
15.	Oscar Aldrich,	4 62
15.	William E. Jackson,	38 00
June 1.	William E. Jackson,	33 32
1.	C. P. Jackson,	24 74
1.	Warren J. Smith,	25 88
1.	T. N. Nickerson,	16 83
1.	J. A. Stover,	9 00
1.	Oscar Aldrich,	17 87
1.	Eddie Bragdon,	2 25
1.	R. B. Dunning & Co.,	17 50

1.	Hall-Goodwin Co.,	5 72
1.	M. C. R. R. Co., freight of drain pipe,	1 64
15.	C. P. Jackson,	30 91
15.	Warren J. Smith,	27 00
15.	William E. Jackson,	47 50
15.	David Kimball,	17 50
15.	C. W. Sargent,	4 50
15.	Oscar Aldrich,	5 06
15.	T. N. Nickerson,	11 81
15.	Hall-Goodwin Co.,	6 16
July 1.	C. P. Jackson,	7 31
1.	W. J. Smith,	2 25
1.	C. W. Sargent,	4 39
1.	T. N. Nickerson,	3 38
1.	David Kimball,	1 68
1.	William E. Jackson,	8 50
1.	J. A. Stover,	3 39
Aug. 1.	Luther Pinkham,	6 75
1.	Frank L. Trundy,	6 20
1.	T. N. Nickerson,	6 75
1.	W. E. Jackson,	12 60
1.	C. P. Jackson,	25 25
1.	J. A. Stover,	4 50
15.	T. N. Nickerson,	3 37
15.	John L. Nash,	1 68
15.	C. P. Jackson,	12 84
15.	W. E. Jackson,	12 36
15.	F. L. Ttrundy,	12 00
15.	E. L. Welch, 250 loads gravel	20 00
15.	J. C. Workman,	5 25
Sept. 15.	D. L. Perry,	3 88
15.	C. P. Jackson,	5 62
15.	William E. Jackson,	10 86
Nov. 2.	William E. Jackson,	19 00
2.	Warren J. Smith,	6 75
2.	Fred A. Brinton,	2 25
2.	Wellington Sargent,	9 00
15.	F. L. Trundy,	12 00
10.	William E. Jackson,	4 75
Jan. 20.	George Bartlett,	1 04
20.	C. P. Jackson,	1 69

20.	Fred W. Bartlett,	1 69
20.	W. E. Jackson,	3 57
Feb. 2.	Hall-Goodwin Co.,	3 63
2.	William E. Jackson,	1 00
2.	Dunbar Brothers,	8 12
2.	Preble and Clark,	5 30
8.	Rec'd from Edwin Clark, for gravel	1 50
	To Balance Unexpended,	26 71
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		\$ 842 02 \$ 842 02

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State Aid Road Report

Mar. 3.	To amount raised in Town meeting,	\$ 300 00
3.	To amount Rec'd from state,	555 60
Sept. 15.	Paid William E. Jackson, with team,	\$ 54 63
15.	Warren J. Smith,	25 87
15.	A. J. Stover,	47 25
15.	W. L. Sargent,	25 87
15.	John L. Nash,	23 62
15.	Fred A. Brinton,	22 50
15.	C. P. Jackson,	30 33
15.	Luther Pinkham,	30 00
15.	D. L. Perry,	2 25
15.	Oscar Aldrich	15 75
Oct. 1.	W. E. Jackson,	66 50
1.	Warren J. Smith,	29 25
1.	J. A. Stover,	58 50
1.	W. L. Sargent,	31 50
1.	Fred A. Brinton,	29 25
1.	C. P. Jackson,	37 06
1.	Luther Pinkham,	37 07
1.	D. L. Perry,	33.72
1.	Oscar Aldrich,	11 25
1.	F. W. Bartlett,	18 00
Nov. 2.	E. W. Perry,	2 00
2.	Penn. Metal Culvert Co.,	34 68

2.	L. U. Bragdon,	8 80
2.	Jane Hall,	10 00
2.	W. E. Jackson,	55 82
2.	Warren J. Smith,	25 31
2.	C. P. Jackson,	9 00
2.	C. P. Jackson,	8 96
2.	W. L. Sargent,	23 63
2.	W. L. Sargent,	6 75
2.	Luther Pinkham,	26 96
2.	F. A. Brinton,	27 00
2.	F. W. Bartlett,	27 00
2.	J. A. Stover,	13 50
2.	Andrew Havey,	13 50
Dec. 1.	Hall-Goodwin Co.	8 00
	Overdraft,	75 81
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		\$ 931 41 \$ 931 41

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INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Mar. 3.	To amount raised in town meeting	\$ 25 00
June 1.	Paid S. L. Kingsley & Co. on Cove school house,	\$ 9 00
Feb. 2.	S. L. Kingsley & Co., on dock,	17 50
	To Overdraft,	1 50
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		\$ 26 50 \$ 26 50

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VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY ACCOUNT

Mar. 3.	To balance unexpended,	\$ 100 00
3.	To amount raised in town meeting,	100 00
June 1.	Hall-Goodwin Co.,	\$ 3 00
5.	I. W. Nash, Labor,	25 60
Aug. 13	Dunbar Brothers, lumber,	55 48
	Balance unexpended,	115 92
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		\$ 200 00 \$ 200 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX

Mar. 21.	County Tax for 1914,	\$222 99
Apr. 13.	State Tax for 1914,	851 08

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July 6.	Paid County Tax,	\$	222 99
Feb. 8.	State Tax,		851 08
		<u>\$</u>	<u>1 074 07</u>
		\$	1 074 07

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POOR ACCOUNT

Mar. 3.	To balance unexpended,	\$ 25 00
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Balance unexpended,		\$	25 00
	<u>\$</u>	<u>25 00</u>	<u>\$</u> 25 00

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TOWN HALL FURNACE ACCOUNT

Mar. 3.	To amount raised in town meeting,	\$ 650 00
Sept. 1 .	Paid L. E. Wilber, for plans,	\$ 5 00
15.	F. L. Goodwin, for writing specifications,	2 50
Feb. 1.	E. W. Perry, time,	3 00
	To balance unexpended,	639 50
		<u>\$</u> 650 00
		\$ 650 00

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WHARF ACCOUNT

Sept. 11.	Rec'd from M. C. R. R. Co.,	\$ 75 00
May 15.	Paid Hall-Goodwin Co.,	\$ 62
Aug. 1.	C. E. Moon, 6 days' labor	18 00

Aug. 15.	N. P. Foster, labor & mat.,	129 34	
Sept. 1.	L. E. Wilber, labor,	13 75	
Dec. 1.	Whitcomb & Haynes, lumber,	20 52	
1.	Edwin Clark, labor,	9 00	
Feb. 2.	Rec'd from M. C. R. R. Co., for rental, to Dec. 15,	75 00	
Dec. 1.	Paid C. E. Hale, freight on lumber,	3 25	
Feb. 9.	C. E. Hale, services as commissioner,	5 00	
9.	Hall-Goodwin Co., for nails,	3 60	
	Overdraft,	53 08	
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		\$ 203 08	\$ 203 08

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FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

1914

Mar. 3.	To balance unexpended,	\$ 22 49	
3.	To amount raised,	225 00	
June 1.	Hall-Goodwin Co., supplies,	\$ 6 75	
Aug. 19.	C. C. C. Fire Hose and Rubber Co.,	110 00	
Oct. 1.	R. F. Gerrish, for blanks,	1 50	
Feb. 8.	F. L. Trundy, services as chief,	5 00	
Feb. 9.	To balance unexpended,	124 24	
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		\$ 247 49	\$ 247 49

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BOARD OF HEALTH ACCOUNT

Mar. 3.	To balance unexpended,	\$ 45 00	
3.	To amount raised,	100 00	
Oct. 1.	Fred W. Bartlett	\$ 80 00	
1.	F. L. Trundy,	1 25	
Dec. 1.	F. L. Trundy,	5 00	
Feb. 9.	C. E. Hale,	5 00	

9. J. C. Workman,		5 00
To balance unexpended,	.	48 75
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	\$ 145	\$ 145 00

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BROWN TAIL MOTH ACCOUNT

Mar. 3. To amount raised in town meeting,	\$ 25 00	
May 1. Warren Smith		\$ 6 75
1. Fred W. Bartlett,		10 12
Dec. 10. Newell White, notices,		1 50
To balance unexpended,		6 63
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	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00

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REPAIR OF TOWN PROPERTY

Mar. 3. To balance unexpended,	\$ 18 81	
Mar. 3. To amount raised in town meeting,	\$ 25 00	
Apr. 3. John L. Nash, repairing stable, and hall,	.	\$ 2 00
June 1. Frank L. Trundy, painting hose house,		6 15
Sept. 1. L. E. Wilber,		3 20
1. Edwin Clark, for changing doors and material,		7 34
Oct. 1. Edwin Clark, material and labor Town Hall,		7 09
Dec. 1. Edwin Clark, labor on tower and safe,		14 54
Dec. 13. N. P. Foster, repairing room,		1 75
Balance unexpended,		1 74
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	\$ 43 81	\$ 43 81

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Due from Fred A. Brinton, weir license for 1911, \$5.00; Weir License for 1912, \$5.00; Charts, \$1.50,	\$ 11 50
Due from Road Department,	226 23
Cove School House,	300 00
Town Hall and Lot,	4 000 00
School Department,	125 00
Fire Department,	400 00
Town Office and Safe,	250 00
Old School House and Lot,	50 00
Town Dock,	1 000 00
Pile Driver and Tools, wharf account,	150 00
Cash in treasury Feb. 11, 1914, with all checks issued, paid,	1 474 90
D. L. Perry, error in State Aid Road pay roll, \$3.36; error in order on common road account, \$0.50,	3 86
State, on repair of State Road,	100 00
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	\$ 8 092 49

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LIABILITIES

Balance in Fire Department,	\$ 124 24
Repair of town property,	1 74
Board of Health,	48 75
Poor account,	25 00
Secondary School account,	164 34
Common School,	298 12
Supt. of Schools account,	3 74
Repairs and Supplies of School,	39 13
V. I. Society account,	115 92
Road account,	26 71
C. C. account,	216 78
Text Book account,	2 99
Brown Tail Moth account,	6 63
Town Hall furnace account,	639 50
Cash in Treasury and Overdrafts,	1 713 59
Net Worth of Town,	6 378 90
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	\$ 8 092 49

Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen, in closing the town report for this year, recommend the following amounts to be raised by the town for the coming year: —

To take care of the overdrafts for last year,	\$ 137 69
C. & C. account,	300 00
Roads and Bridges,	1 000 00
Sidewalks,	300 00
State Aid Road,	300 00
Repair of State Aid Road,	25 00
Text Books,	35 00
Common Schools	200 00
Superintendent of Schools,	75 00
Memorial Day,	20 00
Insurance,	25 00
Board of Health,	100 00
Brown Tail Moths,	25 00
Repair of Town Property,	25 00
Repair of Wharf,	300 00
For Sealer of Weights and Measures,	75 00
Teachers' Meetings,	10 00
Repairs and Supplies of School Room,	300 00
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Total recommended,	\$ 3 252 69

FRED L. GOODWIN,
EDWIN CLARK,
C. E. HALE,

Selectmen of Sorrento.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the books and vouchers of the various town officers of Sorrento this day, and I find the books well and correctly kept, and a voucher for each expenditure.

(Signed) FRANK L. TRUNDY, Town Auditor.

Sorrento, Maine, Feb. 11, 1915.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

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SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

E. W. Perry, Chairman,	Term expires March, 1915
L. E. Wilbur,	Term expires March, 1916
E. L. Jellison,	Term expires March, 1917

Superintendent of Schools

A. W. Gordon

Sorrento, Maine, February 9, 1915.

To the Members of the Superintending School Committee and the
Citizens of the Town of Sorrento: —

I present herewith my fifth annual report of the condition,
progress, and needs of the schools of the town of Sorrento.

School Expenditure

It is probably safe to say that there are few, if any, towns in the entire State, in which such a small amount is expended for education, compared with valuation, as by the town of Sorrento. With a valuation of nearly \$200,000.00 this town has now but one school to support, a very small expense for high school tuition, and a matter of common school tuition which is insignificant. Many towns with a valuation little or no larger, find it necessary to support a dozen schools or more, on account of a large and scattered school population, and some even maintain a high school. The advantageous position of this town in this respect is very evident to any one at all familiar with the amount expended for education by the average town. Your attention is called to other towns in which you are familiar with school conditions. We call attention to this fact because we feel that the parents and citizens of Sorrento should realize their advantage and know that they are in a position to have a school at High Head second to none in the State, with comparatively little extra expense to anyone. Sorrento is already noted for good roads, which is most commendable. Why not be equally noted for good school privileges

which would be equally commendable? The young people now growing up in this town will form at least a part of its future citizenship, and every dollar wisely expended for their education will not only be a great personal benefit to them, but also an excellent investment for the future welfare of the whole town.

Improvements

The High Head school is in excellent condition but it is hardly necessary to say that it can not be improved. The school can be improved in many ways, but the first improvement we would suggest is in the school room and equipment. One of the important factors for a good school is a well-constructed, properly arranged, and well equipped school building. Modern progress and science have already proved to the satisfaction of everyone—except the ignorant and selfish—that the good health of school children is directly dependent in no small degree, upon proper condition of heating, lighting, ventilation, and general sanitation of the schoolrooms in which they spend so many hours of their childhood, while it is generally agreed among school authorities that comfortable and attractive school surroundings have a most beneficial effect upon the morals of the school child.

The school building at High Head is an excellent one but the schoolroom needs many improvements to make it anything near a model room. A ventilating stove should be installed, window boards for ventilation should be provided, new adjustable curtains should be furnished, the seats should be rearranged, two closets should be built in the rear of the room, one for textbooks and the other for apparatus and other purposes, more blackboards should be put up, the ceiling should be whitened and the walls tinted, the woodwork needs varnishing in the near future, a sanitary drinking fountain is much needed, and among other things needed, are a sand table, more wall maps, and by no means least, a suitable number of pictures appropriate for schoolroom decoration. With these and other small improvements, this schoolroom could be made one of the best arranged and most comfortable and attractive schoolrooms in this vicinity. The whole expense need not exceed \$250 00. For several years we have advocated these improvements and appropriations have been made, but for various reasons the improvements are not worth mentioning. We hope to see another appropriation made this year and made in such a manner that there can be no misunderstanding as to its purpose or expenditure.

School Music

After the vote by the town, music was taught for several terms with good success, but, as is probably well known, a majority of the members of the school board have been opposed to giving the pupils of Sorrento the benefit of this subject, and because of the absence of any vote on this matter music has not been taught this fall or winter. We feel that we have become somewhat acquainted with the pupils of Sorrento during the past five years and fail to see why the children attending High Head School are not just as deserving and just as talented as other children, and it seems a pity that they can not have this instruction which could be so easily given them. We would like to know the real sentiment of the voters in this matter, and believe their wishes should prevail, whether for or against it.

State Certification of Teachers

The law passed by the last legislature, and now in force regarding the State certification of teachers, is a matter of general interest. By the provisions of this law all public school teachers, with a few exceptions, must have State certificates. State examinations are given twice each year at stated places, and candidates for a common school certificate must be at least seventeen years of age and a graduate of a standard high school or academy. This law will undoubtedly prove a great benefit to the schools of Maine in requiring a much higher standard for teachers than formerly, when the taking of the State examination was optional with teachers. We have made a practice of placing statistics of teachers in every school report for the double purpose of encouraging teachers to improve themselves, and of giving the public an opportunity of knowing just what the qualifications of their teachers were. An examination of these reports will show that the local teachers have usually been well qualified for their work.

Teachers' Meetings

A series of practical teachers' meetings each year is an excellent thing to improve the work and methods of teachers and thereby increase the efficiency of schools. A limited number of such meetings have been held each year for the teachers of this school district, and they have proven of much practical help. To prove of the greatest help, however, we should be able to have outside speakers at a part of the meetings who are experts along their special lines, such as special teachers of primary reading, arith-

metic, geography, penmanship, etc. We have been unable to do this except occasionally, on account of no funds for the purpose, and believe a small appropriation for this purpose would be of much benefit. The teachers from the State normal schools are authorized to attend such meetings for their actual expenses and other experts can be secured without great additional expense.

Noon Hour

Arrangements have been made with the teacher at High Head to remain at noon, in accordance with the plan being carried out in most of the schools in this vicinity where pupils take their dinners. This has naturally resulted in a great improvement in the conditions which usually exist when pupils at this time are without proper supervision. The plan of the school lunch has been carried out the most successfully at High Head, of any school in the district. The teacher deserves much credit for the efficient manner in which she has carried out this plan, while the pupils and parents are to be commended for the fine spirit of co-operation which they have shown.

I take the opportunity in closing to thank all whose influence and support have assisted in promoting the cause of better education.

Respectfully Submitted,
ADELBERT W. GORDON,
Superintendent of Schools.

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SCHOOL STATISTICS

School	Term	Teachers	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Not absent 1-2 day	Cases of tardiness	Weeks on Term	Salary per Week
High Head	Spring	Julia J. Tibbets	27	21.7	1	4	7	\$12 00
	Fall	Elizabeth Jellison	26	22.3	4	16	11	\$12 00
	Winter	Elizabeth Jellison	25	*				\$12 00

* School in session.

School population, April 1, 1914, 43

TEACHERS EMPLOYED 1914-15

Name	Res.	Where Ed'd	State Cert.	Terms Exp.
Julia J. Tibbets	Oldtown	Oldtown High		12
Elizabeth Jellison	Hancock	Higgins C. I.	5 yrs.	17

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COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Resources

Unexpended from last year,	\$ 284 61	
Amount raised by the town,	100 00	
Received from State school and mill fund,	151 95	
Received from State common school fund,	253 31	
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	\$	789 87

Expenditures

Paid H. R. Bragdon, mfg. wood,	\$ 5 50	
L. U. Bragdon, wood,	27 25	
Mary Hutton, music,	5 00	
Mary Hutton, music,	10 00	
Julia Tibbets, teaching and board,	48 00	
Mary Hutton, music,	7 50	
Julia Tibbets, teaching and board,	48 00	
Julia Tibbets, teaching and board,	48 00	
Marion Welch, janitor service,	6 00	
Elizabeth Jellison, teaching and board,	48 00	
Elizabeth Jellison, teaching and board,	48 00	
Elizabeth Jellison, teaching and board,	36 00	
Gerard Hopkins, janitor service,	5 50	
Elizabeth Jellison, teaching and board,	48 00	
L. U. Bragdon, wood,	1 50	
Town of Sullivan, tuition of Cove pupils,	20 00	
Elizabeth Jellison, teaching and board,	48 00	
Elizabeth Jellison, teaching and board,	24 00	
Gerard Hopkins, janitor service,	7 50	491 75
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Unexpended balance,	\$	298 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL TUITION ACCOUNT

Resources

Unexpended balance from last year,	\$ 54 34	
Amount raised by the town,	100 00	
Received from State,	80 00	
		\$ 234 34

Expenditures

Paid town of Sullivan, Sullivan High:		
Sidney Osborne,	\$ 10 00	
Lura Andrews,	30 00	
Wesley Brinton,	30 00	
		\$ 70 00
Unexpended balance,		\$ 164 34

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

Resources

Amount raised by the town,	\$ 35 00
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Expenditures

Paid Silver, Burdett & Company,	\$ 2 27	
Loring, Short & Harmon,	1 43	
Houghton, Mifflin Company,	90	
Silver, Burdett & Company,	1 56	
Bangor Co-operative Printing Company,	4 42	
Edward E. Babb & Company,	8 87	
Ginn & Company,	1 72	
Edward E. Babb & Company,	1 28	
American Book Company,	9 56	
		\$ 32 01
Unexpended balance,		\$ 2 99

SCHOOL REPAIR ACCOUNT**Resources**

Unexpended balance from last year,	\$	4 78
Amount raised by the town,		50 00
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	\$	54 78

Expenditures

Paid Mrs. Annie Clark, cleaning schoolroom,	\$	5 00
L. E. Wilbur, labor and bills paid,		15 00
Hall-Goodwin Company, supplies,		9 15
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	\$	15 65
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Unexpended balance,	\$	39 13

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SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT**Resources**

Unexpended balance from last year,	\$	4 75
Amount raised by town,		75 00
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	\$	79 75

Expenditures

Paid A. W. Gordon, salary,	\$	56 25
A. W. Gordon, postage,		4 76
E. W. Perry, salary,		5 00
L. E. Wilbur, salary,		5 00
E. L. Jellison, salary,		5 00
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	\$	76 01
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Unexpended balance,	\$	3 74

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the voters of said Sorrento aforesaid, to meet as directed, by posting an attested copy of this warrant at each of the following places, to wit: At postoffice in said town, at town hall in said town, and at Cove schoolhouse so-called, in said town, all being public and conspicuous places within said town, on Thursday, February the 18th, A. D. 1915, being at least seven days before the said town meeting.

A true copy.

Attest:

I. W. NASH, Constable,

TOWN WARRANT

HANCOCK ss.

STATE OF MAINE

To I. W. Nash, a constable in the town of Sorrento, in said County:

GREETING: —

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Sorrento qualified by law to vote in the town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Sorrento, on Monday, the first day of March, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To elect a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To receive report of all Town Officers and act upon the same.

ART. 4. To elect one Selectman for three years.

ART. 5. To elect Assessors.

ART. 6. To elect Overseers of the Poor.

ART. 7. To elect a Town Treasurer.

ART. 8. To elect a Collector of Taxes.

ART. 9. To elect a Member of the School Committee for three years.

ART. 10. To elect a Town Auditor.

ART. 11. To elect Constables and Truant Officers.

ART. 12. To elect Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark.

ART. 13. To elect a Wharf Commissioner for three years.

ART. 14. To elect one or more Fire Wards.

ART. 15. To elect a Member of the Board of Health for three years.

ART. 16. To elect a Sealer of Weights and Measures.

- ART. 17. To elect all other Town Officers.
- ART. 18. To see what time the Town will vote that Taxes shall be paid.
- ART. 19. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the Digging of Clams.
- ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote "Yes" or "No" on the question of Appropriating and Raising Money necessary to entitle the Town to State Aid, as Provided in Sec. 20 of Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.
- ART. 21. To see if the Town will elect Two Tree Wardens, to have charge of cutting and trimming of trees by the road side, and have Road Commissioner with same.
- ART. 21½. To see if the Town will vote "Yes" or "No" on the following: —
To allow Automobiles on Town Wharf only in Case of Business, and Blow Horn Before Going onto Wharf at a Speed Not to Exceed Five Miles an hour.
- ART. 22. To see if the Town will ratify the action of the Selectmen in vacating a certain proposed road on plans of Sorrento, as per petition and notices of Feb. 11th, 1915, on file in Town Clerk's office.
- ART. 23. To see if the Town will raise ten dollars (\$10) for Teachers' Meetings, said money to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools.
- ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to buy bonds for the Tax Collector and Treasurer.
- ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation land owned and leased by Swimming Pool Club.
- ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to sell High Head School House, so-called.
- ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to have Music in the School.
- ART. 28. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the money raised for Furnace and Cellar under Town Hall, now in the hands of the Treasurer.
- ART. 29. To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to carry out the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools for School Room.

ART. 30. To see how much money the Town will vote for the following purposes, to wit: —

Overdrafts for 1914, Current and Contingent expenses, for Roads and Bridges, for Sidewalks, for State Aid Roads, for repair of State Aid Road, for Text Books, for Common Schoools, for School Superintendent, for Memorial Day, for Insurance, for Board of Health, for Destruction of Brown Tail Moths and other Pests, for repair of Town Property, for repair of Wharf, for Seals, Weights and Measures.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as follows: Frank L. Trundy, L. E. Wilber, and D. L. Perry.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall, in Sorrento, at nine-thirty o'clock in the forenoon, on Monday, March 1, 1915, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands, at Sorrento aforesaid, this eighteenth day of February, A. D. One thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

FRED L. GOODWIN,
EDWIN CLARK,
C. E. HALE,

Selectmen of Sorrento, Maine.

